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1. There is usually considerable military air activity over Lepaya, both night and day. However, only rarely have more than 20 planes been observed in the air at the same time. The condition of readiness of the air units for night activity is not known. Jet aircraft were observed over Lepaya for the first time in 1951, and over Riga in 1950.
2. What was formerly the commercial airport in Lepaya, situated south of the bridge over the canal to the naval harbor, is used now exclusively by gliders attached to the DOSAAF. The regular passenger planes on the Lepaya - Riga route use the airport at Bate.
3. Bate is the only airfield in the vicinity of Lepaya. The field was extended eastward during the summer of 1952, but lacks runways. Both the older section of the field and the new area are well drained. The field is occasionally leveled with rollers. (Sketch on page 2.)¹
4. The airfield at Cirava (N 56-45, E 21-25) is no longer in use. It is reported that an airfield is under construction in the Vianode area.

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1. Comment: For another report on Bate airfield, In that report, the dimensions were given as about 1,500 x 3,000 meters. Cf. dimensions given on sketch on next page of this report.

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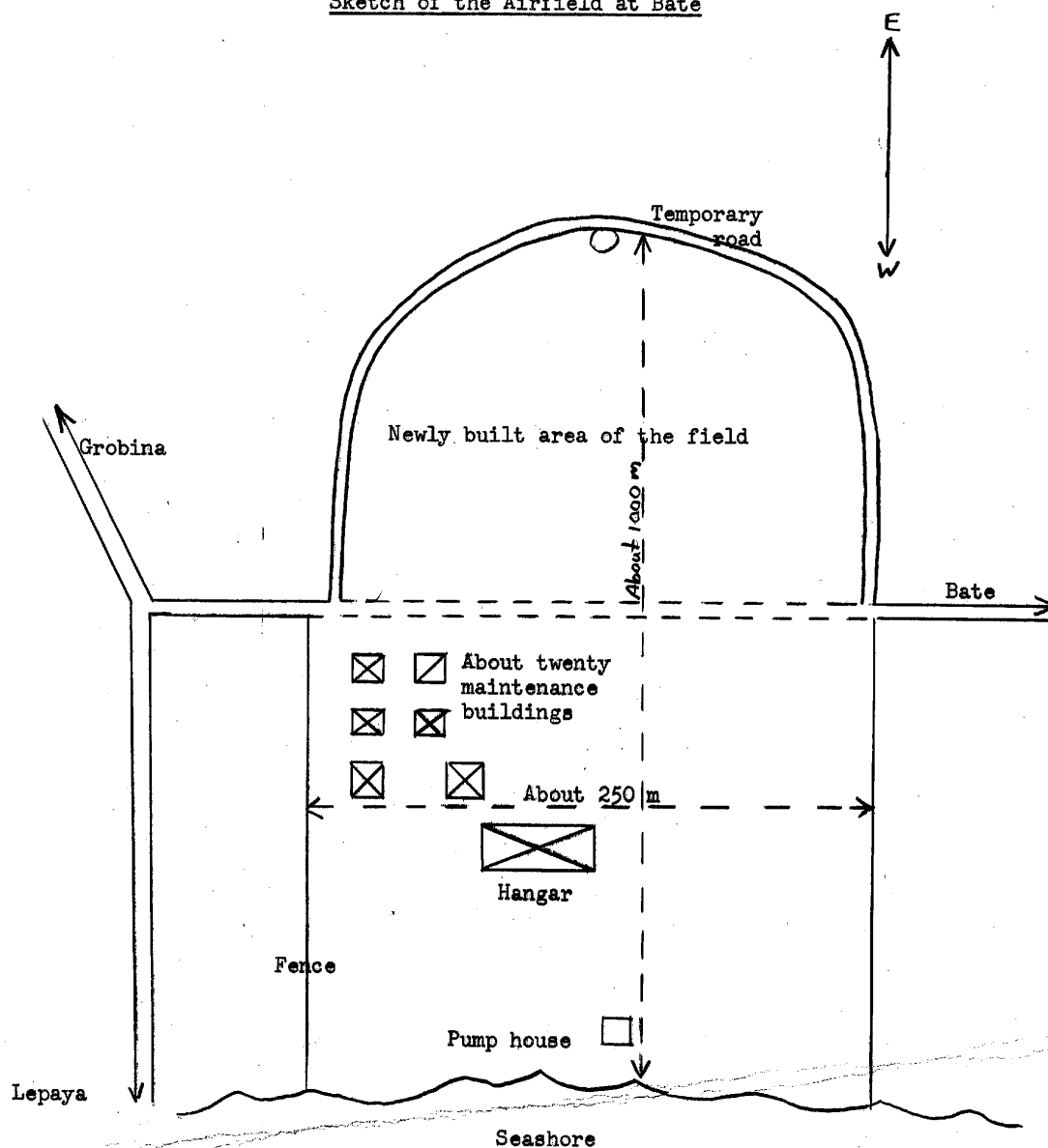
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Sketch of the Airfield at Bate

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